

HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS) Funded Agencies City of Houston Housing and Community Development (as of 03/06/06)

The Houston area offers several housing options for HIV+ persons living on a fixed income, as well as for those with special needs. The agencies listed below receive HOPWA funds to provide the following Housing/Housing-related services:

STRMU: Short Term Rent, Mortgage, Utility Assistance Program **TBRA:** Tenant Based Rental Assistance
SS: Supportive Services **CR:** Community Residences

Scan the list below to find an agency that provides the particular service that you need. Please see the other side for a full description of these services.

AGENCIES

A Caring Safe Place 1804 Carr Street; Houston, TX 77026 713.225.5441 Services: CR, SS	Catholic Charities 2900 Louisiana; Houston, TX 77006 713.526.4611 Services: STRMU, SS
AIDS Foundation Houston 3202 Wesleyan; Houston, TX 77027 713.623.6796 Services: STRMU, TBRA, CR, SS	Donald R. Watkins Memorial Foundation 4900 Fannin Street; Houston, TX 77004 713.528.1748 Services: STRMU, SS
AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas 707 23rd Street; Galveston, Texas 77550 409.763.2437 Services: STRMU	Houston HELP - Corder Place Apts 7210 Peerless Street; Houston, TX 77021-5544 713.741.4070 Services: CR, SS
Bering Omega Community Services 1429 Hawthorne; Houston, TX 77006 713.520.7070, Ext. 144 or 145 Services: STRMU	Houston SRO Housing Corp. – San Jacinto Apts 2211 Norfolk Suite 740; Houston, TX 77098 713.526.9470 Services: CR
Bonita Street House of Hope 2605 Parker Road; Houston, TX 77093 713.691.0900 Services: SS, CR	New Hope Counseling Center 6420 Hillcroft, Suite 314; Houston, TX 77081 713.776.8006 Services: STRMU, SS
Bread of Life, Inc. 1703 Gray Street; Houston, TX 77003 713.650.0595 Services: STRMU, SS	SEARCH 2505 Fannin Street; Houston, TX 77002 713.739.7752 Services: SS
Brentwood Community Foundation 13101 Landmark Street; Houston, TX 77045 713.852.1452 Services: STRMU, CR, SS	Volunteers of America 7000 Northwest 100, B-106; Houston, TX 77092 713.460.0781 Services: STRMU, CR, SS
Career and Recovery Resources, Inc. 2525 San Jacinto; Houston, TX 77002 713.754.7000 Services: SS	WAM Foundation 12401 ½ S. Post Oak, Suite 121; Houston, TX 77045 713.551.8787 Services: STRMU, SS

The eligibility requirements for HOPWA-funded services are very basic, but some agencies may have additional restrictions placed on them by other funding sources that are more stringent. To be eligible for HOPWA funds you must:

1. Meet the definition of low income - 30% of median income;
2. Have an HIV positive diagnosis; and
3. Live in one of the following ten counties: Waller, Austin, Fort Bend, Brazoria, Galveston, Harris, Chambers, Liberty, San Jacinto or Montgomery.

Please check with the service provider for additional eligibility requirements, restrictions and limitations.

Service Definitions:

SERVICE	DESCRIPTION
Short Term Rent, Mortgage, Utility Assistance Program (STRMU)	STRMU will pay an eligible client's rent, mortgage and/or utility payments for UP TO 21 weeks in a 52-week period. These funds are NOT used to support: *Move-in Deposits *Security Checks *Credit Checks *Move-in support (supplies, furnishings, minor repairs etc.) *Emergency shelter vouchers for hotel or motel Rent/utility payments are made to the owner/management of the property.
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	TBRA will pay for an eligible clients rent or utility for 12 to 24 months at a location determined by the client. Locations must: *Meet Housing Quality Standards established by HUD/HCD *Cost of rent must meet federal median income Rent/utility payments are made to the owner/management of the property.
Supportive Services (SS)	All agencies that receive HOPWA funds offer supportive services to eligible clients in establishing permanent housing. Each agency provides different supportive services. Supportive Services can include case management; housing counseling; professional counseling; nutritional services, etc.
Community Residences (CR)	Community residences provided through an agency. Contact the agencies providing CR for information on services. Currently existing residences focus on: *Single men/Substance abuse *Single women/Substance abuse *Women and Children *Recently released men/women

Other Housing Resources: There are many agencies listed in the Blue Book that provide housing services (see Housing, page 53). A list of the agencies offering Emergency Shelters starts on page 54.



Most agencies have limited funding for the services they offer. If you need additional resources, please call the United Way Helpline at 2-1-1, (713) 957-HELP or toll free at 1-800-833-5948. The Helpline is available 24 hours a day and is offered in 6 languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin and French. If you would like to email your inquiry to the helpline, you may do so at help@uwtgc.org.

You can search the United Way Community Resource Database online at: www.rtmdesigns.net/UWTG/. The database gives the option to search by zip code, service category, agency or program name and key word.